

Sandy Creek

Central School
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Newsletter



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The Comet's Tale



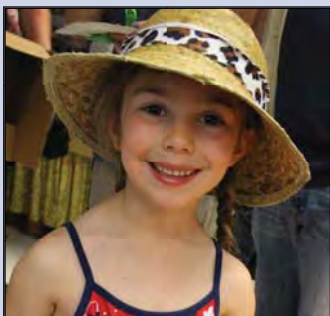
Kindergarten "Graduation"



Kindergartner Kadin Collins holds his "diploma" following a "graduation" ceremony at the elementary School.

Kindergarten students at Sandy Creek Elementary School are absolutely wild about learning! The students just finished kindergarten and were honored at a 'Down in the Jungle' themed ceremony.

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Congratulations Class of 2013



Sandy Creek Central School District





Sandy Creek High School Class of 2013



David Robert Adams-Yando *
 Alyssa Marie Akey *
 Sara Michelle Allison *
 Amber Carolyn Bonney §
 Ashley Pauline Bonney *
 Isabel Grace Bray §
 David Axl Brown §
 Kristopher Burgmeier §
 Wyatt Bill Bush *
 Emily Anna Calabria *
 Andy Paul Carter *
 Tristen Anthony Carusone *
 Karen Castor §
 Chelsea Jean Louise Claflin §
 Eli James Claflin *
 Rebecca Anne Dickinson *
 Alexis L. Donohoe *
 Kylie Elizabeth Eldridge *
 Kyle David Finch •
 McKayla Austie Fox *
 Mitchell Shawn Garvin §
 Fabian Giesholt
 Xavier Lawrence Goins §
 Kameron James Goodsell §
 Toni Lyn Gray §
 Ivan Ward Christian Grossman §
 Zackery James Hanley *
 Austin James Harten
 Justin Allen Haskins §
 Erlend Hjortland Sandøy
 Mykayla L. Howlett *
 Olivia Marie Ivison §
 Korinne Michèle Kastler *
 Henry A. King, Jr. *
 Cody Walter Francis Kinney
 Zachary Lachenauer *
 Jesse L. Ladd *
 Mackenzie LaVeck §

Brianna Renee Liccione *
 Alexander Ray Lococo *
 Daniel J. Luberto *
 Heidi Lee Lyons
 Alicia Marie Hardy Mahaney *
 Natasha Sonia Malik *
 Anthony Ti-kel McClain *
 Ashley Marie McNitt §
 Mason Leland McNitt
 Samantha Ann McNitt *
 Kristina L. Metcalf *
 Dallas Michael Miller *
 Jordan Mackenzie Miller *
 Justin Mintonye
 Karintha J. Myslivecek §
 Cori Ann Pandolfi §
 Jessica Anne Pedersen *
 Shelbe Elaine Phillips *
 Karntida Pitimana-aree
 Alexis Gabriella Aviles Presley *
 Tyler Lee Reff *
 David Aaron Ridgeway *
 Tabitha Ann Rivers *
 Meryl Victoria Rood *
 Christina B. Saber *
 Benjamin Tyler Shephard *
 Stephen J. Smith §
 Karrina Michelle Snyder §
 Ashley Susan Taplin §
 Eric Ryan Thomas *
 Kendra Renee Valley *
 Tyler Edward VanRy *
 Viktoria Madeline White *
 Andrew Roger Wills, Jr. *
 Steven Floyd Wood
 Marannda Josephine Worns
 Matthew Ethan Yalch §

- § Advanced Regents Diploma
- * Regents Diploma
- National Honor Society
- ° Honor Student
- ▲ Vocational-Technical Honor Society
- ◇ Career Endorsement
- ❖ Math Endorsement
- ‡ Science Endorsement
- Technical Endorsement





Softball Team Wins Section III Championship *Team makes it all the way to the New York State Finals*

The Sandy Creek Varsity Girls' Softball team may have lost their bid to be State Champions, but that did not dim their accomplishments in the eyes of their school, their coaches, their families and their community. In a district Board of Education recognition ceremony, they were honored for their accomplishments including the Section III Championship title.

Coached by Bill Fowler and Assistant Coach Jonn Stoker, the team got off to a rocky start when they fell to the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown team in only game two, leaving them with a .500 season record of 1-1. The loss, according to Coach Fowler, was the motivation needed to bring the team into focus. After that loss he challenged and encouraged each team member to step up their game, and did they ever, ending the regular season with a division record of 14-1.

In post-season play, the team soundly defeated Weedsport 11-0 to secure the Class C-2 Section III title. Next they faced Cooperstown in the overall Class C Championship defeating them with a score of 6-4. The team



The Sandy Creek Varsity Softball team holds the Section III Championship banner following their win over Weedsport to secure the Class C title.

then played Seton Catholic with a final score 6-2 sending the team to the State semi-finals against Greenwich. The team defeated Greenwich 11-1, which moved the Comets into the State Championship game. In that game, unfortunately the Comets fell to Frewsburg in a heartbreaking 2-1 loss. "The best team did not win that game," said Fowler. "If we played that team ten times, we'd win maybe eight or nine," he said.

Fowler praised the team for their outstanding season and thanked the Sandy Creek community for their overwhelming support. "The community support was incredible," he said. "We had parents and community members who don't have girls on the team travel to Albany and Binghamton to support the team." The district's slogan is aptly fitting for the support shown the team: "Comet Pride is Community-Wide." According to Fowler, it is not just a slogan but real life in the small close-knit community.

Sandy Creek's Superintendent of Schools Stewart Amell commended the team and its coaches for such a successful season. On top of their athletic accomplishments, the team has also excelled in the classroom. "What really impresses me," he said, "is that with all of these accomplishments this year, you are a New York State Scholar Athlete team." Scholar athlete designation requires a high percentage of a sports team to maintain high academic and attendance averages.

Several players on the team have been named to All Star teams in both league and Section III play including, Frontier League All Stars: Viktoria White, Gabriella Gaurasce, Kylee Martin, Jordan Miller, Michaela Martin, Kendra Valley and Karinthia Myslivecek. Section III All Stars included: Chelsea Claffin, Viktoria White, Karinthia Myslivecek, Michaela Martin and Jordan Miller.

Senior Recognized for 12 Years of Perfect Attendance



Jesse Ladd, a Sandy Creek High School senior was recognized at the school's annual awards ceremony for 12 years of perfect attendance. He is pictured above accepting perfect attendance honors from Sandy Creek Central School District Superintendent of Schools Stewart Amell.





SCCS District Wall of Distinction Inductees

The Sandy Creek Central School District is proud to announce the names of 2013 Wall of Distinction Inductees. Throughout their lives, these extraordinary people have shown a high level of professionalism, distinction, and sufficient moral character as to represent a positive role model to students in the school district. This year's 2013 inductees include:

Evan Tanner
Class of 1992

Enlisted in US Army - completed Infantry Basic and Advanced Infantry training followed by Airborne School and Ranger School. Advanced to Squad Leader and Sergeant. Graduate of Adirondack Community College. Began work in commercial diving, sonar operations and remotely operated vehicle (ROV) piloting. Has completed extensive sidescan surveys and search operations through the U.S.A. and numerous other countries. Has worked with several colleges, organizations, various branches of the military, FBI, and other government authorities on ROV search and recovery missions. These include expeditions to the Titanic for documentation of wreck and search for Amelia Earhart to name a few. Regularly featured on the Discovery Channel. Currently employed by Phoenix International.



Julie Towles Matthews,
DDSMS, Class of 1988

Graduate of Clarkson University with a B.S. Degree in Biology, SUNY @ Buffalo School of Dental Medicine with a D.D.S. Degree, and UNC @ Chapel Hill School of Dentistry with an M.S. Degree in Oral Biology. Currently a solo practitioner specializing in Prosthodontics in Greensboro, NC. She is well respected in the dental community, and is responsible for the restorative treatment of patients from multiple states. She has a special interest in geriatric implant restorative dentistry.



Mary Clerkin Higgins
Class of 1972

One of the nation's leading artists and conservators of stained glass. Since 1976, has created original designs for secular and religious settings, and conserved stained glass of the twelfth to twentieth centuries. Public and private collections across North American have turned to her for conservation expertise. Has written and lectured internationally on stained glass creation and conservation. Founding member and past president of The American Glass Guild, Professional Associate of The American Institute for Conservation, and President of Clerkin Higgins Stained Glass, Inc. of Brooklyn, NY.



Maurice Prescott
Class of 1910

Graduate of Cornell University. Publisher and Editor of the prestigious world renowned Holstein-Friesian World Magazine that was published in Sandy Creek for more than 50 years. Originated a system of pedigree compilation that became the standard. Co-authored and edited, "Holstein-Friesian History," the only comprehensive study of the foundation bloodlines and history of breed development in North America. Occupied positions of leadership in the Holstein-Friesian industry, serving on many advisory committees for the dairy industry. A community leader as an employer, served on the school board for 21 years, was Mayor of Lacona, Director of Lacona Bank, and a 50 year member of Sandy Creek Masonic Lodge.





Middle School Honor Roll

Congratulations to the follow students for earning honor roll distinction for the fourth quarter of the 2012-13 school year:

8TH GRADE

Merit Roll:

Hanah Bridges
Casey Christian
Drew Coady
Jesse Cornell III
Lacey Donahue
Samuel Grafton
Autumn Irwin
Hailey LaVere
Richard Skellington III
Thomas Yerdon

Honors Roll:

Breanna Allen
Alyssa Fiegl
Matthew Guarasce
Taila Hatch
Alexis Ladd
Jessica Leppien
Mekaila Meyers
Alexander Paschall
Lainey Smith
William Stone
Conner Waggoner
Abigail Widrig
Jasmyn Williams
Adam Yerden

High Honors Roll:

Bridgette Anderson
Dallas Blair
Stephanie Brown
Adrianna Comins
Lindsey Goodnough
Elizabeth Hall
John McGrew II
Chase Pappa
Bishop Phillips
Nicholas Radford
Sophie Walter

7TH GRADE

Merit Roll:

Joseph Benedict
Savannah Brown
Dustin Bryant
William Castor
Anthony Catania
Kacey Goodsell
Dylan Kimball
Michael Landphere
Garrett LaPointe
Alexander Olin
Richard Potter
William Robbins
Emily Smith
Jordan Trudell
Sullivan Worns
Madison Yerdon

Honors Roll:

Faith Bachar
Joshua Balcom
Everett Bauer
Christopher Blount
Summer Brockway
Allison Burrows
Trace Clark
Tori Jenkins
Seth Lurcock
Rebecca Miller
Carley Stoker
Machela Sullivan

High Honors Roll:

Cassidy Carnes
David Hennigan
Emily Kehoe
Oren McDougal

6TH GRADE

Merit Roll:

Alec Balcom
Andrew Bartlett
Esther Brafman
Morgan Bristol
Kaleb Brown
Violet Carkey
Sterling Coles
Jennifer Dana
Brittany Davis
Dimitri Dawson
Violet Graf
Alexus Guyette
Kyrsten Hall
Logan Haynes
William Henry Jr.
Andrew Hermann
Sidney Jenkins
Clarice Miller
Emily Paternoster
Ethan Phillips
Angelina-Anne Salzman
Timothy Snell

Honors Roll:

Courtney Burns
Nathan Grinnell
Cassandra Hayes
Sean Hennigan
Makenzie Lococo
Dakota Loomis
Zachary Martin
Caleb Miller
Shelby Miller
Jadyn Mullin
Jordyn Mullin
MacKenzie Sherman
Jacob Smith
Kennedy Sullivan

High Honors Roll:

Kayla Carnes
Hannah Dasno
Bailey Fahnstock
Abigail Fitzpatrick
Kalista Kimball
Alison Lantry
Carly Lyndaker
Joseph Metott
Samantha Walter
Alexis Wolfe
Margery Yousey

Kindergarten "Graduation"

Entering the elementary School gymnasium, the "graduates" wore huge smiles and graduation caps complete with tassels as they prepared to move up to first grade during a special ceremony. The large group of kindergarten classes performed a number of songs that fit perfectly with the "Down in the Jungle" theme created by their teachers. The gym and kindergarten classrooms were decorated all out in the jungle theme, complete with a hungry 'diploma-eating' crocodile.

The students sang several songs that followed with the jungle theme including "Never Smile at a Crocodile" and "Five Little Monkeys" to name just a few. The students' performance delighted the audience filled with proud family and friends.

As each class was announced and students were presented with their "diploma," they paused to pose for a bevy of photos to mark the proud moment. As the classes returned to their positions on the risers, they stopped first to "feed" the crocodile who hungrily devoured their diploma.

As the program continued, the students exchanged their graduation caps for jungle adventure pith helmets for another jungle-themed song before exiting the room and returning to their classrooms where the celebrations continued.



The kindergarten classes performed several jungle-themed songs to perfectly complement the "Down in the Jungle" theme for the kindergarten "graduation" ceremony held at the Sandy Creek Elementary School recently.





Sandy Creek Pre-k 'Sail-a-bration'



Sandy Creek Universal Pre-kindergarten teacher Julie McNitt congratulates Madilyn Norton on her academic achievements and presents her with a keepsake portfolio of her pre-k school year at the recent pre-k 'sail-a-bration.'

Universal pre-kindergarten students at Sandy Creek Elementary School are setting sail for kindergarten. A 'sail-a-bration' ceremony in the students' honor was hosted the last week of the 2012-13 school year, giving teachers and the school principal an opportunity to recognize the students for their hard work and academic achievements over the past school year.

The students performed some of their favorite songs during the 'sail-a-bration' including songs about the days of the week, months of the year, and their 26 academic friends, the alphabet.

Elementary school principal SueAnn Archibee, with tears of joy in her eyes, talked about the important work that the students have been doing all year and said, "You are certainly ready for kindergarten."

Pre-kindergarten teacher Julie McNitt presented each student with a portfolio during the ceremony to commemorate his/her time as a pre-kindergarten student. Each portfolio contained the student's



Sandy Creek Universal Pre-kindergarten student Brody Pecha is all smiles as he accepts his portfolio at the pre-kindergarten moving up 'sail-a-bration.'

Micah Hawn, a Sandy Creek Universal Pre-kindergarten student, poses for a picture with his dad, Joel Hawn following a 'sail-a-bration' to commemorate the UPK students moving up to kindergarten.



report cards and some of his/her work from school year.

The pre-kindergarten students honored at the 'sail-a-bration' will be members of the Sandy Creek Central School District Class of 2026.

Sandy Creek Elementary 5th Grade Moving Up Celebration

The Sandy Creek Teachers Association presented Sandy Creek Elementary School fifth grade student Alaina Hathway with a valedictorian award at the school's Fifth Grade 'Movin' On Up' Celebration. Pictured with Alaina above is Sue Ann Archibee, Sandy Creek Elementary School Principal (left), and Brandie Norton, fifth grade teacher and secretary for the teachers association.



Friday, June 21 was a special day at Sandy Creek Elementary School. It was the last day of the 2012-13 school year and the fifth grade students' last day as elementary school students. To commemorate the important day as well as recognize the fifth students' academic achievements, the building's teachers and principal, Sue Ann Archibee hosted a 5th Grade 'Movin' On Up' Celebration.

Mrs. Archibee beamed with pride at the celebration for the students' academic achievements and hard work and said, "You are ready to continue class of 2020. The skills you've learned will guide you through middle school, high school, and life." She urged the students to be thoughtful of their choices as they move forward, encouraged them to never give up and reminded them that their elementary school family will be watching from across the bus circle in the years to follow.

Special recognition awards were presented to fifth grade students for outstanding achievement in band, chorus, ELA, math, science and social studies, and the following students were recognized for perfect attendance: Gavin Brown, Mickayla Bristol, Austin King, Dillon McCarthy, and Tyler Trump.

Each student was presented with an official 'Movin' On Up' certificate of completion and the Sandy Creek Teachers Association presented Alaina Hathway with the valedictorian award.



7-12 Spring Choral Concert

The Sandy Creek Central School District's Spring Choral Concert was held recently and students in grades 7-12 entertained an appreciative audience of family and friends. Beginning the evening's entertainment was a patriotic and very inspirational audience participation sing-a-long featuring the national anthem, the *Star Spangled Banner*. Hundreds of voices joined in chorus, led by the school's mixed chorus students in grades 7-12.

The Middle School students then performed two songs before being joined on stage by the Sandy Creek Show Choir for a special *Puttin' on the Ritz* performance. Show Choir then continued the concert with several other songs before being joined by Mixed chorus



Soloists Molly Horth, left, Jacob Cornell, center, and Elizabeth Sedore, right were soloists in the Finale during the medley of songs from *Les Miserables* by the mixed chorus.



The Middle School Chorus, under the direction of Sandy Kinney, performed a delightful song *Green Eggs and Ham* from *Seussical the Musical*.

for a hauntingly beautiful *Dona Nobis Pacem* and then a crowd-pleasing medley of songs from *Les Miserables*.

Rounding out the evening was the emotional senior song featuring graduating seniors performing *Man in the Mirror*, which ended in a standing ovation for the evening's performers. The student choruses were all under the direction of Choral Instructor Sandy Kinney.

Sandy Creek Middle School Students Earn Principal's Award



Sandy Creek Middle School Principal Carolyn Shirley recognized six students for demonstrating outstanding academic potential and presented each with the 2013 Middle School Principal's Award. The students include sixth graders Joseph Metott and Bailey Fahnestock, seventh graders Christopher Blount and Machela Sullivan, and eighth graders Nicholas Radford and Jasmyn Williams, who is pictured above with Principal Shirley. The presentation of awards took place at the school's annual awards ceremony in June.

Sandy Creek Elementary Fun Day

Leading their respective teams in a sack race at the Sandy Creek Elementary School Fun Day is fourth grade student Madison Wilder, right, and first grade student, Ryan Landphere, below.



Sandy Creek first grade student Allison Dashnaw and art teacher Tara Abbott show off their fancy fake moustaches at the Sandy Creek Elementary School Fun Day.





Sandy Creek Middle School 2013 Awards Ceremony

The Sandy Creek Middle School hosted its annual awards ceremony in mid-June in the high school auditorium. The ceremony recognized students in sixth, seventh and eighth grades for their hard work and commitment to educational excellence. Ceremony highlights include:

- 8th Grade Motivation Award.....Matthew Guarasce
Stephanie Brown
- Coterie Club Art Award.....Lacey Donahue
- Humanitarian Service Award.....Alex Paschall
Bridgette Anderson
- Irene Killam Award.....Colton Steele
Margery Yousey
- Jack Miller Industrial Arts Award.....Matthew Guarasce
- Jeff Fravor Spirit of Scouting Award.....Andrew Hermann
Violet Carkey
- Mabel Laird Memorial Sportsmanship Award.....Michael Garvin
- Terri Haynes Sportsmanship Award.....Jasmyn Williams
- Outlook Club Citizenship Award.....Brianna Snyder
- Outlook Club English Award.....Lindsey Goodnough
- Student Council Initiative Award.....Cassandra Hayes
Emily Smith
Abigail Widrig
- The Comet Award.....Sullivan Worns
Tori Jenkins
- Time to Think Award.....Nick Potter
- V.F.W. Auxiliary Award.....Lindsey Goodnough
- Sandy Creek Support Staff Initiative Award.....Casey Christian
Bridgette Anderson
- Art Awards (recognizing technique, creativity & effort)
 - Grade 6.....Aaron Farmer
Bailey Fahnestock
 - Grade 7.....Emily Kehoe
Sullivan Worns
 - Grade 8.....Bishop Phillips
Abigail Widrig
- English Awards
 - English 7 Highest Average.....Cassidy Carnes
David Hennigan
Oren McDougal
 - Grade 8 Most Improved.....Sophie Walter
 - Grade 8 Outstanding Diligence &
Cooperative Attitude.....Zackerie Bower
- Math Awards
 - Grade 6 Academic Initiative Award.....Joesph Metott
Kalista Kimball
 - Grade 7 Math Highest Average.....Cassidy Carnes
Dustin Bryant

- Grade 7 Honors Math Highest Average.....Emily Kehoe
Oren McDougal
- Mathlete Award.....Colton Steele
Faith Bachar

Music Awards

- Grade 6 Highest Average.....Abigail Fitzpatrick
Carly Lyndaker
Jady N Mullin
Kalista Kimball
Kennedy Sullivan
Samantha Walter
Sean Hennigan
Violet Carkey



Violet Carkey accepts the Jeff Fravor Spirit of Scouting Award from Stewart Amell.

- Grade 7 Highest Average.....Alex Olin
David Hennigan
Emily Kehoe
Oren McDougal
Seth Lurcock
Sullivan Worns
Tori Jenkins

Reading Awards

- Grade 7 Improved Strategic Thinking.....Ethan Graf
Logan Stone
Marjorie Vazquez
- Grade 8 Improved Strategic Thinking.....Brandon Copestick

Science Awards

- Grade 7 Most Improved.....Dustin Bryant
Madison Yerdon
- Grade 7 Highest Average.....Emily Kehoe
Oren McDougal

Social Studies Awards

- Grade 7 Highest Average.....Cassidy Carnes
Oren McDougal
- Grade 7 Citizenship Award.....Michael Landphere
- Grade 7 Golden Apple Award.....Jacob King
- Initiative Award.....Casey Christian
Dillon Patterson

AHERA/Asbestos Notification

The Sandy Creek Central School, in accordance with the federal Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA), maintains the complete Asbestos Management Plan at its 124 Salisbury Street, Sandy Creek location. Any questions regarding the plan should be directed to LEA designee Chris Ouder Kirk, Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds. He can be reached at 315-387-3445 x1535.

All requests to review the management plan can be made through the Sandy Creek Central School District Office at 315-387-3445.



Dear Parent, Guardian, and School Staff:

New York State Education Law Section 409-H, effective July 1, 2001, requires all public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools to provide written notification to all persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff regarding the potential use of pesticides periodically throughout the school year.

The following pesticide applications took place in the Sandy Creek Central School from February 16, 2013 to June 7, 2013:

❖ ***There have been no pesticide applications during the above stated period.***

As a reminder, the Sandy Creek Central School District is required to maintain a list of persons in parental relation, faculty, and staff who wish to receive 48-hour prior written notification of certain pesticide applications. The following pesticide applications are not subject to prior notification requirements:

- A school remains unoccupied for a continuous 72-hours following an application;
- Anti-microbial products;
- Nonvolatile rodenticides in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Nonvolatile insecticidal baits in tamper resistant bait stations in areas inaccessible to children;
- Silica gels and other nonvolatile ready-to-use pastes, foams, or gels in areas inaccessible to children;
- Boric acid and disodium octaborate tetrahydrate;
- The application of EPA designated biopesticides;
- The application of EPA designated exempt materials under 40CFR152.25;
- The use of aerosol products with a directed spray in containers of 18 fluid ounces or less when used to protect individuals from an imminent threat from stinging and biting insects including venomous spiders, bees, wasps, and hornets.

In the event of an emergency application necessary to protect against an imminent threat to human health, a good faith effort will be made to supply written notification to those on the 48-hour prior notification list.

If you have not yet registered to receive 48-hour prior notification of pesticide applications that are scheduled to occur in your school, please complete the form below and return it to Shelley H. Fitzpatrick Sandy Creek School District Business Administrator at:

PO Box 248
Sandy Creek, NY 13145
Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510
Fax: 315-387-2196

Sandy Creek Central School District		
Request for Pesticide Application Notification (Please Print)		
_____ School Building		
Name:	Address:	
Day Phone:	Evening Phone:	E-Mail Address:

Please feel free to contact Chris Ouderkirk, the Sandy Creek Central School District pesticide representative at: PO Box 248, Sandy Creek, NY 13145, Phone: 315-387-3445 x1510, Fax: 315-387-2196 for further information on these requirements, including information on the products that have been applied in this school.

Sincerely,

Shelley H. Fitzpatrick
 Business Administrator



Elementary School Student Council Awards Assembly

The Sandy Creek Elementary School Student Council Awards Ceremony was held recently which featured academic and special interest awards and recognitions for students in the school. The following awards were presented:

Art Interest Award:

Carl Petrie, Alexia Phillips, Emma Halsey, Avery Cornell, Logan Henry, Hailey McNitt, Zach Paternoster, Elsa Graf, Emma McDougal, Matthew Caufield, Evelyn Bice, Aldyn Landas, Emily Ward, Adam Hilton, Sydney Cook, Charlie Shaw, Madison Brown, Gavin Babcock, Isabella Cornell, Cody Phillips and Madison Bauer.

Technology Interest Award:

Colby Kimball-Salzman, Dorothy Searles, Avery Cornell, Mary Carnes, Logan Henry, Hailey McNitt, Sean Erickson, Emma McDougal, Matthew Caufield, Evelyn Bice, Thomas Reff, Cati-Ann Blodgett, Travis Benjamin, Sydney Cook, Charles Shaw, Marley Yerdon, McKenzie Kwak, Mayson Mullin, Dylan Hall, and Riley Dowlearn.

Music Interest Award:

Carl Petrie, Alexia Phillips, Wyatt Hilton, Madison Benedict, Seth Pearsall, Alayna Blount, Travis Benjamin, Isabella Walters, Brannon Rusz, Madison Brown, Gavin Babcock, McKenzie Kwak, Cody Phillips, and Madison Bauer.

Library Interest Award:

Devon Mahl, Madison Lamica, Avery Cornell, Katie Craw, Alajah Johnson, Hailey McNitt, Zach Paternoster, Madison Wilder, Jason Lance, Brianna Youmans, Thomas Reff, Michaela Kastler, Gabe Baird, Angel Peter, Charlie Shaw, Madison Brown, Michael Thayer, Isabella Cornell, Tyler Allen and Brooke Soluri.

Music Interest Awards:

Zachary Paternoster, Deanna Hathway, Lucas Bacon, Evelyn Bice, Thomas Reff, and Michaela Kastler.

Writing Interest Award:

Marley Yerdon, McKenzie Kwak, Madison Bauer, Sydney Cook, C.J. Barney, Deanna Hathway, Michaela Kastler, Dorothy Searles, Alayna Blount, and Mary Carnes.

Good Kid Award:

Angel Peter, Gabe Baird, Madison Bauer, C.J. Barney, Thomas Reff, Madeleine Palmer, Caden Raszl, Mary Carnes, and Cailey Robbins.

Accelerated Reader Award:

Alexis McNitt, Isabella Walter, Sadie Lurcock, Madison Brown, Evelyn Bice, Aldyn Landas, Annie Chen, Emma Halsey, Luke Yerdon, and Hailey McNitt.

Reading Interest Award:

Lainie Hathway, Madison Bauer, Tiaira Copenhaver, Gavin Babcock, Madison Brown, Brianna Youmans, Thomas Reff, Emma McDougal, Madison Benedict, Kaleigh Doyle, and Logan Henry.

Citizenship Award:

Faith White, Abby LaRue, Isabella Cornell, Marley Yerdon, Dyllan Pearsall, Cati-Ann Blodgett, Madeleine Palmer, Mary Carnes, Jessica Graham, Gabe Balcom, and UnaRose McNitt.

Social Studies Award:

Travis Benjamin, Madison Brown, Aden Goudnough, Riley Dowlearn, Olivia Pappa, Matthew Caufield, Gabrielle Brown, Abigail Lantry, Cailey Robbins, and Maya Stubbs.

Math Interest Award:

Lainie Hathway, Travis Benjamin, Logan Cosby, Marley Yerdon, James Dowlearn, Sarah Balcom, Zac Paternoster, Matthew Trudell, Alexia Phillips, and Robbie Patterson.

Science Interest Award:

Izzy Walter, Aidan Smith, Kalen McNitt, Dylan Hall, Brendan Geer, Hailey Miller, Ryan Robbins, Hailey McNitt, Colby Kimball-Salzman, and Matthew Trudell.

Elementary Student Council Membership Recognition:

UnaRose McNitt, Robbie Patterson, Wyatt Hilton, Abigail Lantry, Colby Kimball-Salzman, Jessica Graham, Zachary Paternoster, Madeleine Palmer, Jason Lance, Dylan Pearsall, Ashley Cornell, Emily Yousey, Levi Darling, Aden Goodnough, Ethan Hollister, Madison Brown, Dillon McCarty, Cody Phillips, Adam Hilton, and Sydney Cook.



Sandy Creek Elementary School students received special recognition for their academic and special interest achievements during the Student Council Awards Ceremony. Pictured are some of the students who received the math achievement award during the ceremony.



Pictured are students recognized for their excellence in art. The students received their certificates at a special Elementary School Student Council Awards Ceremony.

Twenty Senior Athletes Earn Frontier League Scholar Athlete Distinction

Congratulations to the following senior athletes for earning the Frontier League Scholar Athlete distinction: Alyssa Akey, Amber Bonney, Isabel Bray, Chelsea Claffin, Mitchell Garvin, Fabian Giesholt, Toni Gray, Ivan Ward Grossman, Justin Haskins, Olivia Ivison, Alex Lococo, Ashley McNitt, Karinta Myslivecek, Cori Pandolfi, Karntida Pitimana-Aree, Earl Sandoy, Stephen Smith, Karrina Snyder, Tyler VanRy, and AJ Wills. To be considered for this distinction students must participate in a varsity sport during his/her senior year of high school and have a four-year grade point average of at least 85.



Sandy Creek High School 2013 Awards Ceremony

The Sandy Creek High School Annual Awards Ceremony honored students in grades nine through twelve for their commitment to academic excellence. The following students received prestigious honors at the ceremony:

- NYS Comptroller's Achievement AwardsAshley McNitt
David Ridgeway
- Hilda Ormasen Clemens Art AwardAshley Bonney
- Cheryl Yerdon Initiative Award..... Matthew Miller
- The Mad River Club Environmental Award.....Ashley McNitt
- Oswego Teachers' Employees'
Federal Credit Union Awards.....Chelsea Claflin
Olivia Ivison
- Sandy Creek Grange Consumer
Education Award..... Cori Pandolif
- Sandy Creek Grange Shop Award..... David Brown
- Senior Art Award..... Ashley Bonney
- Spanish High Average Awards:
Grade 9.....Rosaleen Morgan
Grade 10..... Rachel Yerden
Grade 11..... Gabriella Guarasce
Grade 12.....Mykayla Howlett
- True Beauty Academic, Service Leadership
and Character AwardsClarice Thibault
Elizabeth Sedore
- Student Council Initiative Awards:
Grade 9.....Rosaleen Morgan
Grade 10..... Collin Reff
Grade 11..... Hannah Walker
Grade 12.....Chelsea Claflin
- North Rainbow Shores Association
William Frasier Memorial Award.....Clarice Thibault
- Oswego County Realtors Award.....Emily Calabria
- Fulton Savings Bank Scholarship.....Jessica Pederson
- Lawrence Tech Award for Excellence
in Science and Math.....Clarice Thibault
- Rita Carpenter-Rombach Memorial Awards Ashley Taplin
Chelsea Claflin
- Mark Harvey AwardsAJ Wills
Karintha Myslivecek



Students Honored with Babe Ruth Sportsmanship Award

Sandy Creek Central School District Athletic Coordinator Michael Stevens presents senior student-athletes Karintha Myslivecek, right, and Wyatt Bush with the 2013 Babe Ruth Foundation Sportsmanship Award. This award is presented annually to recognize an outstanding female and male senior athlete for his/her sportsmanship and school spirit. School district staff members nominate students for this prestigious award with the top two female and the top two male nominees presented for a school-wide, student-body vote.



New Vision Students Honored

Sandy Creek High School students Chelsea Claflin, Kylie Eldridge, Karrina Snyder, McKayla Fox, and Sara Allison were honored at the 2013 Oswego County BOCES New Vision Reception at SUNY Oswego. The five college-bound seniors were students in a competitive New Vision program through Oswego County BOCES. The students spent the 2012-13 school year immersed in a college setting, earning college level credit while participating in diverse rotations to explore a variety of career pathways in the field of education, health care, law, and government. Pictured with the students is Sandy Creek High School Principal Maureen Shiel.



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Class of 2013 Valedictorian and Salutatorian

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Sandy Creek High School Principal Maureen Shiel recently announced the Valedictorian and Salutatorian for the Class of 2013.

The Valedictorian is Isabel Grace Bray, right, the daughter of James Bray and Gena Rice. Isabel has enjoyed playing volleyball and taking physics with Mr. Fellows during her high school years. Outside of school she enjoys cooking, reading and spending time with her family and friends. She wants to be known for being the best that she can



be. After graduation, Isabel will attend Clarkson University and major in physics. She hopes to become a research physicist. Her advice to her fellow graduates: "do what makes you happy, not what pleases others."



Salutatorian for the class of 2013 is Olivia Ivison. Olivia, above right, is the daughter of Creg and Denise Ivison. Making memories and growing up with friends is what she has enjoyed most about high school, and in her spare time Olivia enjoys listening to music, reading and going for a drive. She wants to be known for her hard work and bubbly personality. After high school, Olivia will attend Ithaca College and major in integrated marketing communications, which she hopes will eventually lead to work as an advertising sales director or an editor-in-chief. Her advice to her fellow classmates: "live a life you are proud of."

**Top Ten of the Sandy
Creek Class of 2013**



The top ten students in the Sandy Creek High School Class of 2013 are, left to right: Mackenzie LaVeck (#10), Ashley Taplin (#9), Stephen Smith (#8), Cori Pandolfi (#7), Matthew Yalch (#6), Toni Gray (#5), Chelsea Claffin (#4), Justin Haskins (#3), Olivia Ivison (#2), and Isabel Bray (#1).



Congratulations!

Varsity Softball & Varsity Girls' Track
for qualifying as NY State Scholar Athlete Teams with a combined average of 90% or better!

**Varsity Baseball, Varsity Softball and
Varsity Boy's Track & Field**
for winning the Frontier League Sportsmanship Award for the 2013 Season!